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Chile: draft resolution

Report of the Conference on Disarmament

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Conference on Disarmament, 1/

Conscious of the need for a comprehensive approach to the disarmament process and for improved functioning and efficiency of the multilateral arms control and disarmament machinery, as also envisaged in the report of the Secretary-General on new dimensions of arms regulation and disarmament in the post-cold war era, 2/

Recalling its relevant resolutions, in particular resolution 48/77 B of 16 December 1993, concerning, inter alia, the ongoing review by the Conference on Disarmament of its agenda, composition and methods of work, which highlighted the need for substantial enlargement of the present membership of the Conference on Disarmament,

Fully convinced that an enlarged membership is essential in order to take advantage of the current propitious international climate to negotiate, on the

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1/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 27 (A/49/27).

2/ A/C.1/47/7.

solid basis of a more representative participation, a comprehensive test ban treaty and other important agreements requiring universal adherence,

Recalling that the Conference on Disarmament, which is funded from the regular budget, was granted, pursuant to resolution 48/77 B, supplementary administrative, substantive and conference support services in anticipation of its expansion,

Recalling also its resolution 1722 (XVI) of 20 December 1961 regarding the establishment of the Conference on Disarmament, then the Eighteen-Nation Committee on Disarmament,

Emphasizing the fact that, notwithstanding dramatic changes in the international situation and continuous consultations, there has been no expansion of the membership of the Conference during the last fifteen years,

Welcoming the fact that the annual report of the Conference on Disarmament reflects the intention of the Conference to reinstate its own procedures providing for periodic review of its composition,

Regretting, however, that the Conference on Disarmament did not reach a consensus that would result in the expansion of its membership before the start of the 1994 session of the Conference, as urged by the General Assembly in its resolution 48/77 B, nor was it able to resolve this question thereafter, in spite of intensive efforts by the Friend of the Chair,

Recognizing the legitimate aspirations of the candidate countries to participate fully in the work of the Conference on Disarmament,

1. Welcomes the report of 12 August 1993 of the Special Coordinator for membership designated by the Conference on Disarmament 3/ and the list of countries attached to that report, as well as the subsequent statement made by the Special Coordinator on 23 August 1993, recommending a dynamic solution to the question of membership;

2. Urges the Conference on Disarmament to make every effort to reach a solution resulting, by the beginning of 1995, in a significant expansion of its composition, which would then include at least sixty countries, as recommended by the Special Coordinator.

3/ CD/1214; see Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 27 (A/48/27), para. 13.